ASTERISK VOL.2

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△キオ Kio
AN ANGEL HE TAKES CARE OF MANIFIS
HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN
HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.
フラウ Fraw △
ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND
HE'S KEPT HIS POSITION A SECRET FROM KIO.

*THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. IN THE ANGELS' WORLD, THE HIERARCHY GOES LIKE THIS. ARCHANGELS, THE SEVEN ANGELS, OFFICERS, AND ANGELS AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS. *THE 'ANGEL' KIO'S JOB IS TO FREE HUMAN SOULS FROM MANIFIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND FRAW HAD AIMED TO BE ONE OF THE SEVEN IN ORDER TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO HELP KIO. BUT HE KEPT THIS A SECRET FROM KIO. *AFTER A FIGHT AGAINST MANIFIS, THEY BOTH WENT BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD TO HEAL KIO'S INJURIES. BUT...

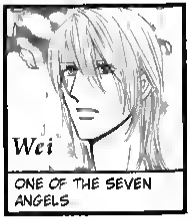
MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT POSSESS PART OF A DECEASED SOUL OR A LIVING HUMAN

READ VOLUME 1 TO KNOW MORE!

STORY AND CAST

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS

PREVIOUSLY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HE'S GOT A SCAR ON HIS FACE.



ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS

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KIO!
KIO, COME QUICK! PLEASE! IT'S TERRIBLE!
DEAN AND ANTE, THEY'RE

DEAN!
ANTE, STOP IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO HURT YOUR WINGS!
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, KIO. THIS GUY CHEATED DURING THE TEST.
I DID NOT!
AND YET YOU WERE HIDING OTHER ANGELS' FEATHERS ON YOU.
I WAS, BUT I DIDN'T USE THEM!
Slap
AH!

KIO!
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S AT FAULT, BUT...
USING A FEATHER TO HARM A FRIEND IS SOMETHING AN ANGEL SHOULD NEVER DO
RIGHT, DEAN?

ANTE WOULDN'T CHEAT! RIGHT?
SORRY, I THINK I LOST MY TEMPER IN SPITE OF MYSELF
DEAN'S ONLY FEELING BITTER BECAUSE HE FAILED THE TEST.
KIO, ARE YOU OKAY!?
DEAN
WELL... ERR.. YOU KNOW HOW I LOVE GATHERING FEATHERS, RIGHT? AND SINCE I'M ALWAYS CARRYING LOADS OF THEM, THEY KINDA GOT MIXED WITH MINE, AND SOMEHOW...
ANTE?
I'LL GO TELL THE TEACHER RIGHT HOW
Shiver
Shiver
Sorry
MAYBE...
But see since Dean pointed it out to me I saw it was wrong and
YOU... USED THEM ...?

Push
LET'S GO GET YOU LOOKED AFTER, KIO.
Y yeah.
FRAW?
I HATE THEM!!!
I HATE ANTE,
AND I HATE DEAN TOO ...!
AND LYS AS WELL, FOR RELYING ON YOU.
THEY HURT YOU AND I HATE THEM!

THEY'RE JUST ALL GETTING NERVOUS BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL PROMO-TIONS
SO WHAT? WE CAN'T AVOID IT, CAN WE!?
YOU SHOULD GET ANGRY TOO, KIO.
DEAN PICKS FIGHTS WITH YOU AS WELL AS ANTE,
AND ANTE'S SELFISH.
FRAW !!!
YOU'VE STARTED TO SAY HARSH THINGS TOO, YOU KNOW
you don't under-stand
DON'T CRY
I.. IF ONLY I COULD TEND TO YOUR INJURIES IT WOULD BE BETTER.
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS HURTING YOURSELF

THEN ONE DAY YOU'LL LOOK AFTER ME
I THINK THAT SORT OF THING WOULD SUIT YOU, FRAW
BECAUSE YOU'RE SO GENTLE, YOU'RE EVEN CRYING FOR OTHERS
A MEDIC ?
YEP,
WE WOULDN'T BE IN THE SAME CLASSES ANYMORE, THOUGH
Separate classes?
We'll be able to see each other after classes, right?

I FELL ASLEEP?
FRAW
SO YOU WERE TIRED TOO AFTER ALL
ARE YOU OK?
YEAH, I'M FINE NOW
MEW
MILK?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, KID WENT BACK TO EARTH ALONE
YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?

Mew Mew
Mew
HM?
WHY ARE YOU STILL COMPLAINING, SILK?
MILK WAS FRAW'S CELESTIAL BEAST TO BEGIN WITH, SO IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.

OH RIGHT, ITS *LORD* FRAW NOW, ISN'T IT?
HE'S ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS, RIGHT? OUR RANKS AREN'T EVEN COMPARABLE ANYMORE

LORD FRAW.
YOU SEE, KIO,
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE
AT THAT TIME,
MY POSITION IS NOW...
AFTER THAT, I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT SORT OF DISCUSSION WE HAD!
ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS...
THE FRUSTRATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SUFFERING.
AND FRAW...
HE HAD THAT LOOK AS IF HE WERE GOING TO CRY, LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS.
FUMP
WAH!

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. I AIN'T ONE OF THE SEVEN ANYMORE
"Lord" is off-limits!
BUT IT FEELS WRONG CALLING YOU JUST BY YOUR NAME NOW
ARE YOU WORKING?
YEAH, OVER THERE
YO!
LORD TENRI
IT'S HIDDEN, SO YOU WON'T SEE IT. BUT THE WOMAN ON THE LEFT, IT'S IN HER NECKLACE
THE STONE'S PRETTY OLD. IT'S A JADE, RIGHT?
OH, BY THE WAY, I... TENRI,
YOU HID THE TRUTH FROM ME, ABOUT FRAW
BUT FRAW GAVE ME HIS "TELL AND I'LL KILL YOU" LOOK...
I BET YOU JUST FOUND IT INTERESTING
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE? ARE YOU FEELING INFERIOR?
I AM NOT!

OH?
EH?
WHAT IS IT?
ANTE!?
IT REALLY IS ANTE
Pick me up girls?
Ewip
IT'S... NOTHING, I... WAS WONDERING IF IT WAS GOING TO RAIN...
IT WON'T TODAY

SPEAKING OF KIO, WASN'T HE ON MANIFIS DUTY?
WAIT, THAT CAN'T MEAN
OH CRAP IT'D BE OKAY IF IT WAS ONLY KIO, BUT EVEN LORD TENRI'S HERE.
Humans can't see them right now
EH? BUT WHY!?
Let's go some where and have some coffee shall we.
Then let's go to this new AOA tea-house!
Slither
Slide
MA...!
EH,?
A MANIFIS ...!?
HEY, ARE YOU REALLY AL-RIGHT?
Slide

THIS SOUL IS NOT YOURS.
SHE'S MINE.
I RELEASE YOU.

(SFX: SLAM)
(SFX: BEEEP)
(SFX: FLAME)

AH, OH, TIME'S FROZEN!?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED
IT WAS SO PAINFUL
MY SPIRIT WAS CONTROLLED FOR SO LONG
EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT NOW, YOU CAN RETURN TO HEAVEN
THANK YOU
...
ANTE.
Flare
THANK YOU

TIME'S MOVING NOW.
Cli
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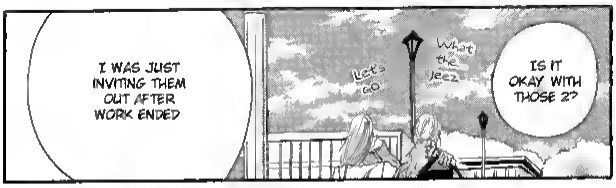
HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING
Y... YEAH


I WAS JUST INVITING THEM OUT AFTER WORK ENDED
Let's go
What the Jeez
IS IT OKAY WITH THOSE 2?

ARE YOU REALLY DOING YOUR JOB SERI-OUSLY!?
I AM!
LOOKS LIKE WE KEPT JUST MISSING EACH OTHER.
IT'S BEEN A YEAR, RIGHT?

Hm?
Mumble
Hmph
WHAT?
NOTH-ING.
EVEN YOU KNEW ABOUT IT.

Hey ?
HE'S ALREADY LEFT
TENRI?
WHERE'S LORD TENRI?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S JUST "TENRI" NOW.

SO KIO, YOU'RE NOW... WHAT IS IT, ALREADY? HAVE YOU EARNED YOURSELF A REPUTATION YET?
THAT'S THE FIRST I SAW YOU HANDLE A MANIFIS, AND YOU WERE GREAT.
SO YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS SORT OF THING ALL ALONG
CONNECTING PEOPLE MUST BE HARD, TOO.
I JUST FIND PEOPLE WITH THE SAME LIGHT, AND LEAD THEM TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER.
IT'S NOTHING DANGEROUS.
WE'RE ANGELS.
OUR DUTY IS TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES.
MY JOB
IS TO GET RID OF MANIFIS. THEY'RE EVIL SPIRITS WITH NO REAL BODIES THAT TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PARTS OF A DECEASED HUMAN'S SOUL THAT WERE LEFT IN THIS WORLD.

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN RELEASING NUMEROUS SOULS INCLUDING SOME WHO HAD SUFFERED FOR A VERY LONG TIME
AND, THE SOUL BEING POSSESSED CAN'T BE REINCARNATED
THE MANIFIS USE HUMAN SOULS TO INCREASE THE HARM BEING DONE TO LIVING HUMANS
BUT, THE NUMBER OF MANIFIS HASN'T DECREASED.
THE ANGELS WHO WORK ON EARTH
ARE GIVEN A "CELESTIAL FEAST"
HOW'S CREPE?
HSSSS
AH, SILK
HSSS
STILL AS STUBBORN AS EVER.
SHE EVEN BITES OFFICERS, YOU KNOW
HE SHOULD BE WAKING UP BY NOW

CREPE, YOU LOOK WELL

CREPE, IT'S KIO.
THE JOB OF A CELESTIAL BEAST IS TO CONTACT THE ANGELS' WORLD IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THEIR MASTER

ARE YOUR EYES ROTTEN!?
WHAT ...!?
I CAN'T HELP IT WHEN I SEE SOMETHING CUTE.

Huggle

I'VE HEARD IT FROM THE OFFICERS, BUT
YOU'RE STILL PUTTING YOURSELF AT A DISADVANTAGE
YOU KEEP INJURING YOURSELF LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS, AND EVEN WHEN YOU DO DIFFICULT JOBS, YOU LOSE POINTS
I'M NOT AFTER A PROMOTION, SO THAT'S WHY I'M STILL THE WAY I AM,
BUT I THOUGHT THAT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD GO TO THE VERY TOP.
IT'S OKAY
I PREFER THIS WAY, TOO
KIO,
LET'S BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN
THAT WAS NOT A PROMISE

IF HE HAD TOLD ME RIGHT AWAY, I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY...
THAT'S WHY...
IT'S ALRIGHT, THIS WAY.
INSTEAD, FOR SOME WEIRD REASON, HE HID IT UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT
AAAAH, ENOUGH!
ANTE! LET'S GO GET SOME ICE CREAM!
Shock
-Hey!?
I WANT SOME!
IN THIS COLD WEATHER!?
I'LL TREAT YOU.
I under-stand
ONCE HE'S SET HIS MIND ON SOME-THING, HE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE

KIO
WHAT?
THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM HERE
MARON?
IT'S MARON
HE'S LYS'S CELESTIAL BEAST, ISN'T HE?
BUT I CAN'T SEE LYS'S LIGHT ANYWHERE NEAR.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HURT.
MORE LIKE HE'S IN SHOCK AND CAN'T WAKE UP
ANTE, YOU'RE GOOD AT FINDING PEOPLE BY THE COLOR OF THEIR LIGHT, RIGHT?
YOU LOOK FOR LYS, THEN

UH
WHERE AM I...?
cough
cough
AH!
AH!
GOT THEM

AH...
AM I IN A CLOSET?
LOADS OF CLOTHES
I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED
Ow
MARON?
MARON?
HE WAS STILL WITH ME OUTSIDE
I HOPE HE WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE
THIS WAY HE'LL GO TO THE ANGELS' WORLD FOR HELP
NO, I CAN'T. I SHOULDN'T RELY ON OTHERS ANYMORE!
I HAVE TO FIND HIM!
WHO?

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
shock
SHOW US, SHOW US.
WHAT COLOR WILL HER WINGS BE, I WONDER?
THAT'S ANOTHER DELICIOUS-LOOKING ANGEL

I... IT'S FULL OF MANI-FIS —!?
WHAT'S THAT, SHE ISN'T FIGHTING BACK?
LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE ANGELS WHO MAKE HUMANS MEET.
OH, RIGHT, DIDN'T I HEAR THAT MANIFIS EAT ANGELS !?
SHOULD WE PULL OUT HER WINGS?
WHILE YOU'RE HERE, YOU WON'T NEED THEM, SEE.
LET'S EAT JUST HER WINGS.
I THOUGHT SO—!
YOU CAN'T.

I THOUGHT I HAD TOLD YOU TO JUST STAND GUARD.
YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN, YOU WEAKLINGS
EAT JUST ONE OF THIS LADY'S FEATHERS,
AND YOU'LL BE WANDERING IN PRISON FOR ETERNITY.
WE... GET IT
WAIT, KIO!
STOP HERE.
WHO IS HE...!?

SHE'S HERE?
YEAH, I FOUND HER.
BUT...
THERE'S ANOTHER WEAK LIGHT CLOSE BY
IT'S TOO WEAK. I CAN'T TELL WHO IT IS...
WHERE?
ON THE LAST FLOOR OF THAT SKY-SCRAPER.

OVER... THERE?
KIO? We're not going?
Waah! IT'S CRAMMED FULL OF MANIFIS. In there!
RUMBLE
THEN MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF I WAIT FOR YOU HERE, RIGHT!?
He's got no abilities to fight against Manifis
Huff
I'M GOING TO SEE HOW IT IS INSIDE
COULD YOU GO TO THE ANGELS' WORLD TO REPORT AND ASK FOR REINFORCEMENTS?
Y... YEAH

Swish
<SFX.BOOM>
Wha?!

Boom
LET ME SEE WHAT SORT OF ANGELS YOU ARE
IF YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME COME USING YOUR WINGS

〈SFX: SNAP SNAP〉
〈SFX: CRASH〉
〈SFX: SLIP〉
〈SFX: GRAB〉

TAP
AN...
OW.
CREPE AND MARON ARE SAFE.
ANTE!
FLIMP

I'LL GO TAKE CARE OF THOSE GUYS FIRST.
EH!?
YOU STAY HERE AND REST.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO GO ASK FOR HELP?
AS FOR ME, I DON'T THINK I CAN MOVE.
HM. .
BUT IF ANGELS ARE FIGHTING AGAINST MANIFIS IN THERE, WE WON'T HAVE TIME
BESIDES. .

EVEN THOUGH I'D TOLD YOU...
--AH
NOT TO COME ANYMORE...
PLEASE, LOOK AFTER SILK FOR ME
DON'T BITE HIM, SILK
FREEZE TIME!

FLAP

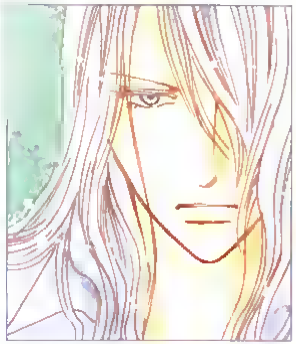
AH, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ENERGY TO RAISE YOUR HEAD ANY-MORE?
LOOK, YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE COME FOR YOU
LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T AFFORD TO RELAX ANY-MORE, CAN I?
COME HERE
MILK
MEW
MEW
REALLY
HE'S AS COOL AS EVER

DEEEAAAN!
THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS WINDOW ...
WHAT...?
THERE'S BLACK STUFF ...

Hey!
Slam
Slam
Slam
Slam—Slam
I CAN JUST HEAR SOMEONE HITTING THE WINDOW
WHO IS IT?
I...
STAY AWAY...
BUT... MAYBE IT'S AN ANGEL...
GET... AWAY.
AS BAIT...
THEY'RE USING ME TO CATCH ANGELS...

(SFX: SLAM)
Slam
Slam
Slam
Slam
HE THE WINDOW ?
IT'S NO USE THAT GLASS IS_
I'M ALRIGHT. JUST RUN AWAY!

(SFX: CRASH)
DID HE GIVE UP?
OR WAS HE CAUGHT?
SHIT
SFX: SWISH
...EH!?
THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE PERSON WHO'D BE SO RECKLESS FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE.
I SEE
The antenna from another house.
...I THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE POINTS AGAIN.
◆ ASTERISK 3 / THE END ◆



●2巻目です！　読んで下さってありがとうございます！　この話にはいろんな動物が出ます。私は動物を描く時、映像とか本物とかとにかく動いてるのを観察してから描いています。でも猫は体が柔らかいせいか描くのが難しいです。

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【収録作品】
キオ&フラウが贈る、天使達の新感覚バトル&テイル第2巻!!　フラウが七天使に昇格していた事を知り動揺するキオ。そんな中、キオの幼なじみの天使がマニヒスに捕らえられ!?　キオとシルクの描下し「ねぇ仲間になって」4頁も収録♪